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wireless device, wherein said trading and auction system is in direct communication with said SMSC server.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of sending messages to a buyer's wireless device includes the step of concatenating an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and placing said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from wireless devices destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the trading and auction system.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said trading and auction system is connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

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12. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said wireless device is a GSM device with SMS capability, said wireless device being serviced by a GSM network including a SMSC server to control and manage SMS to and from said wireless device, wherein said trading and auction system is in direct communication with said SMSC server.

13. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said step of sending messages to a buyer's wireless device includes the step of concatenating an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or

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service and placing said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from wireless devices destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the trading and auction system.

14. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said trading and auction system is connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

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20. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said step of sending messages to a buyer's wireless device includes the step of concatenating an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and placing said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from wireless devices destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the trading and auction system.

21. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said trading and auction system is connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

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25. (Amended) A trading and auction system as claimed in claim 22, wherein said message dispatching means is arranged to concatenate an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and place said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message sent to a buyer

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concerning that product or service, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from the buyer's wireless device destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the message receiving means.

26. (Amended) A trading and auction system as claimed in claim 22, wherein said message dispatching means and message receiving means are connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

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33. (Amended) A trading and auction system as claimed in claim 30, wherein said message dispatching means is arranged to concatenate an access identification number with the unique identification number of the product or service and place said concatenated number in the 'Sender' field of each message sent to a buyer concerning that product or service, said SMSC server using the access identification number to identify SMS from the buyer's wireless device destined for said trading and auction system and to forward such SMS directly to the message receiving means.

34. (Amended) A trading and auction system as claimed in claim 30, wherein said message dispatching means and message receiving means are connected to said SMSC server via a computer network.

REMARKS

Applicants amend claims 5-7, 12-14, 20-21, 25-26, and 33-34 to remove objectionable multiple dependent claims depending from other multiple dependent